

RESOLUTIONS

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

RELATIVE TO

The improvement of the Allegheny, Ohio, and Mississippi rivers.

FEBRUARY 9, 1846.

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RESOLUTIONS IN RELATION TO THE ALLEGHENY, OHIO, AND THE MISSISSIPPI RIVERS.

Whereas to the general government is intrusted the defence of the Union, the regulation of commerce with foreign nations and between the several States, and, in the execution of the said powers, the improvement of our principal rivers becomes the imperative duty of Congress :

And whereas the Allegheny, the Ohio, and the Mississippi rivers, from Olean, the highest port of entry on the former, to the Gulf of Mexico, a distance of two thousand four hundred miles, is pre-eminently the great interior highway of the nation, indispensable to its defence, and essential to its commerce :

And whereas the respective States bordering upon these rivers have, either by direct appropriations or by companies chartered by themselves, projected, and to a great extent completed, from twenty to thirty lines of internal improvement, all having their termini upon the above-named streams, and the success and productiveness of these local improvements must mainly depend upon the safe and constant navigation of the before-named rivers :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to urge the granting of liberal appropriations to remove all obstructions from, and to secure the safe and constant navigation of, the Allegheny, the Ohio, and the Mississippi rivers.

Resolved, That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to vote for an appropriation to relieve commerce from the onerous tax now imposed upon it in passing the falls of the Ohio river at Louisville.

Resolved, That the assent of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby granted to the general government of the Union, to construct within this State any part or portion of said improvements which may be necessary to be constructed within the bounds of this Commonwealth.

Resolved, That the governor be requested to transmit copies of the above to our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

FINDLEY PATTERSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DANIEL L. SHERWOOD,

Speaker of the Senate.

Approved the 3d day of February, 1846.

FRS. R. SHUNK.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Harrisburg, February 5, 1846.

SIR: In compliance with the request of the General Assembly, I have the honor herewith to transmit to you a copy of the resolutions in relation to the Allegheny, Ohio, and the Mississippi rivers.

I am yours, very respectfully,

FRS. R. SHUNK.

The Hon. SIMON CAMERON.